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ABSTRACT

Students, families, colleges and funding agencies contributed data to determine the educational status of the alumni of Laguna-Acoma High School in New Mexico. Of the 749 students graduating from the school from its opening in 1964 to 1974, sixty-two students, or 8%, received a baccalaureate degree by August of 1978. New Mexico colleges and universities conferred the majority of these degrees. The gradepoint averages of the college graduates at the time of their high school graduation ranged from 3.987 to 1.818. Their Rank in Class ranged from first to fifty-first. The graduates entered nineteen different major fields of study, but education (30%) and business administration (14%) were by far the most popular. There are brief breakdowns by ethnic background and graduating class. An appendix lists the college graduates, their schools, and their major fields of study. (SB)

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Classes of 1964 through 1974

Who Have Earned

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

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Laguna-Acoma High School recently conducted a follow-up study of those graduates who were thought to have completed a four-year course of study at colleges and universities.

In past years, follow-up studies have been attempted with different classes: 1964, 1968, 1973. Questionnaires returned were so few in number that no meaningful date was gathered, although the school appreciates the co-operation of those alumni who did respond.

This study may be in error in a few cases, although colleges, funding agencies, families and students were contacted. if any graduates of Laguna-Acoma High School have completed a Bachelor's Degree at any institution and have been left off the list, the Guidance Department at Laguna-Acoma would appreciate the information.

While conducting this study, it was determined that many who began college and did not finish are almost complete at this time; however, many have found semi-professional employment. A few years ago, the University of New Mexico's records showed that of people who begin college in any given year, only 15% will complete their course of study in four years.

From the first graduating class of 1964 at Laguna-Acoma, a total of 749 students had received diplomas at the end of the 1974 school year. The 62 students who have received four-year degrees from institutions of higher learning make up 8% of the total high school graduates 1964-1974.

In gathering information about the 62 students included in this study, it was determined that the range of grade point averages at time of graduation from high school ranged from 3.987 down through 1.818. Twenty-nine of these students had a grade point average of 3.000 or higher at the time of graduation from high school.

How these students ranked in their classes upon graduation from high school may be of some interest. Of the eleven classes involved in the study (and the 62 college graduates) six alumni were valedictorians of their high school classes; five were salutatorians. Thirty-seven of these students ranked in the "top ten" of their classes. Other ranks were represented down through the 51st.

Fifty-one of the 62 students studied received their Bachelor's Degrees from a New Mexico college or university.

Nineteen different majors are represented. Education has been the most popular major, accounting for twenty of the degrees. This includes both elementary and secondary. The majority of those who have majored in education are employed in the immediate are or in Albuquerque. Business Administration was the next most popular major, with nine students receiving their degrees in this field. Seven of these alumni are employed by either the Acoma or the Laguna tribes.

Of the students in this study, the following ethnic groups are thus represented: Laguna: 32; Acoma: 22; Spanish: 5; Anglo: 3. Different classes vary in numbers of alumni who have thus far received degrees:

Class of 1964 - 2
1965 - 6
1966 - 13
1967 - 4
1968 - 2
1969 - 7
1970 - 7
1971 - 8
1972 - 8
1973 - 4
1974 - 1

Following is a list of the 62 holders of Bachelor's Degrees, showing institutions attended and major, if known.

New Mexico State University:

John Antonio - Wildlife Management
Marilyn Correa - Business Management
Dennis Felipe - Engineering
Lois Histia - Social Welfare
Emily (Hunt) Smith - Business Management
Richard Jaramillo - Elementary and Special Education
Rita Kie - Government-History
Ruth Kie - Biology
David Lorenzo - Engineering Technology
Wilbur Louis, Jr. - Animal Science
Earl Ortiz - Business Administration
Nancy Pino - Elementary Education
Darva (Randolph) Gomez - Home Economics
Marva (Randolph) Felipe - Nursing
Jerry Smith - Business Management
Prudence Vallo - Accounting
Michael Wacondo - Wildlife Science

University of New Mexico

Elisa Apodaca - Elementary Education
Charlotte (Chavez) Garcia - Elementary Education
Nicholas Cheromiah - Mathematics
William Estevan - Industrial Arts Education
Josephine Johnson - Elementary Education
Kilino Marquez - Industrial Arts Education
Pauline Pino - Physical Education
Mildred (Ray) Chino - Elementary Education
Marilyn (Riley) Cheromiah - Business Education
Josephine (Smith) Riley - Nursing
Arnold Wanya - Anthropology

Western New Mexico University

Josephine (Fernando) Bahe - Home Economics
Shirley Histia - Elementary Education
Emmett Hunt, Jr. - Physical Education, Social Studies
Randolph Hunt - Physical Education
Vina (Johnson) Hiyi - Physical Education
Ronald Martinez - Business Administration
Anthony Peters - Secondary Education
Joann Sarracino
Johnnie (Sarracino) Wadlow
Timothy Sarracino - Business Education
Laura Vallo - Elementary Education

Eastern New Mexico University

Joe Aragon - Mathematics
Patricia Pino - Psychology
Louis Sanchez - Elementary Education
Donna (Sarracino) Boynton - Elementary Education

New Mexico Highlands University

Genevieve (Correa) Narcia - Business Administration
Carolyn Ray - Elementary Education
Neva Vallo - Anthropology

New Mexico Insitute of Mining & Technology

Lloyd Alexander - Matallurgy
Georgia (Dailey) Pedro - Environmental Engineering

University of Albuquerque

Timothy Chavez - Business Administration
Paul Michael - Drama
Gerald Pedro - Secondary Education

Fort Lewis College

Rhonda Chino - Sociology
Delight Martinez - Elementary Education
Lois Vallo - Elementary Education

Colorado College

Frank Cerno - Political Science
Margaret (Cerno) Jojola - Business Administration
Diana Ortiz - Political Science

University of Denver

Baltie Baca - Political Science

Lorretta Heights College

Ethel (Cerno) Baca - Nursing

St. Vincent's

Bernard Garcia -Psychology

Augusburg College

Reba Greenup - unknown

Southern Colorado State College

Gerald Kie - Business Administration